

1 tough budgetary decisions to be made at some point in
2 the future.

3 Thank you.

4 Anything else?

5 MS. KENNEDY: Yes, Madame Chairman. The
6 last issue deals with communications. Were you going
7 to -- did you address the Web site or are you going to
8 do that?

9 CHAIRMAN JAMES: I'm going to do that in
10 the old business.

11 MS. KENNEDY: Okay. That concludes my
12 report.

13 Thank you. If there are any questions
14 further.

15 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Any additional questions
16 for the Executive Director based on her report?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN JAMES: We just have one or two
19 items of old business, and I wanted to update the
20 Commission on those.

21 We specifically talked about the National
22 Research Council contract. It has been distributed to

1 all Commissioners, and in December the contract was
2 finalized, signed, and they have begun their work.

3 I want to thank the members of the
4 Research Subcommittee, Commissioners Wilhelm, Dobson,
5 and of course our Subcommittee chair, Commissioner
6 McCarthy, for that.

7 I also want to thank Drs. Kelly and Reuter
8 for the work that they have done to move that contract
9 along.

10 You put in a tremendous amount of effort
11 and a great deal of work, and the entire Commission is
12 grateful to you for that.

13 Does anybody have any questions or
14 comments or anything additional, Leo, you want to say
15 about that particular issue?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN JAMES: On the Web site, as
18 another piece of old business that I just want to
19 update the Commission on, you know that this came up
20 as a point of discussion, and the Commission staff has
21 now researched this and for less than \$7,000 over the
22 life of the Commission we could have a Web site that

1 would make all of our public documents available,
2 including transcripts, our charter, and legislation,
3 meeting announcements research agenda, and all of the
4 documents that we are handing out today just outside
5 this room.

6 I believe that it could save tax dollars
7 for printing and mailing and hours of valuable staff
8 time and make the work of the Commission much more
9 accessible to the public, and I just wondered if we
10 had any guidance or questions or concerns from the
11 Commission on that.

12 COMMISSIONER LEONE: We missed the number.
13 What was it?

14 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Seven -- for the Web
15 site?

16 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN JAMES: In terms of that? I am
18 told that by staff, and, Nancy, you may have some
19 additional information, that for less than \$7,000 over
20 the entire life of the Commission we could run and
21 operate a Web site.

22 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: But if you're going

1 to save money, then that means you can take the money
2 out of one of these other budget categories and move
3 it to research.

4 MS. KENNEDY: No, this would come out of
5 the communications budget, and we're doing it through
6 the government. That's why we're able to do it for
7 about \$6,700.

8 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: But it's included
9 within this communications line item, the \$60,000?

10 MS. KENNEDY: Yes, sir.

11 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Let me just say
12 that's an amazingly inexpensive and efficient and
13 clearly probably would lead to other economies. It's
14 well worth doing.

15 Setting up a Web site from scratch outside
16 the government is ten, 20 times that much.

17 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER LEONE: And so I think
19 assuming it actually can happen that way, it's a
20 bargain, irresistible bargain.

21 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Any other discussion on
22 those two matters of old business?

1 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Do we need a motion?

2 CHAIRMAN JAMES: I don't think we do. I
3 think we can just direct the staff that it is the
4 sense of this Commission that that would be an
5 efficient way to handle the business of this
6 Commission.

7 MS. KENNEDY: Good. We can probably be up
8 and running by the first of next month.

9 CHAIRMAN JAMES: The first order of new
10 business is the recently released request for proposal
11 for research on gambling behavior, including a
12 national survey, and again, I want to thank Leo and
13 the Research Subcommittee, plus Drs. Kelly and Reuter
14 for the outstanding work that they did on the RFP.

15 I believe that all of the Commissioners
16 have a copy.

17 The bids should be in next month, after
18 which a technical advisory group will then evaluate
19 the proposals and recommend a selection to the
20 Research Subcommittee and to the chair.

21 At this point I want to know if there's
22 any discussion that we have on the RFP, and the chair